

Save the Dates: January 24–28, 2000

An Invitation to Celebrate the Launch of Healthy People 2010

Join Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General David Satcher and other leaders in the health field at the **Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium** conference to celebrate the launch of Healthy People 2010, the nation's prevention agenda for the next decade.

Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium will be held on January 24–28, 2000, in Washington, D.C. The conference will focus on four broad themes:

- Partnering for Health Improvements
- Eliminating Health Disparities
- Increasing Quality and Years of Healthy Life
- Harnessing Technology for Health

Abstracts dedicated to the four themes of the meeting are being solicited to stimulate the activities that will be needed to achieve the national health goals spelled out in Healthy People 2010. (See inside pages for an abbreviated Call for Abstracts.)

Healthy People 2010, the third set of national objectives, identifies the most significant preventable health problems facing the nation. The objectives are divided into 28 focus areas, such as cancer, environmental health, and access to quality health services.

Healthy People 2010 is designed to help public and private sector efforts to ad-

dress these issues. Healthy People offers a simple but powerful idea: provide information and knowledge about how to improve health in a format that enables diverse groups to combine their efforts and work as a team. It is a road map to better health for all that can be used by many different people, States and communities, professional organizations, groups whose concern is a particular threat to health, or certain population groups. Healthy People has been widely used for decisionmaking and action since the program began in 1979.

Convened by the Healthy People Consortium and the Partnerships for Networked Consumer Health Information, the conference is expected to draw more than 1,200 participants with diverse backgrounds in public health, health care, education, research, technology, religion, and public policy. The conference program will include plenary sessions focusing on community collaborations at all levels. Breakout sessions, caucuses, and poster sessions will provide opportunities for informal information-sharing and networking.

The conference will host the Partnerships Technology Games as well. The games' sponsors, the Annenberg School for Communication and the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania, will offer prizes totaling \$5,000.

The games offer an opportunity for developers of interactive health communication applications (e.g., health Web sites, non-networked applications) to gain wide exposure and recognition for their innovations. Experts, potential purchasers, and other attendees are invited to "test-drive" applications and provide feedback.

The games are designed to encourage development of high-quality applications while being both entertaining and edifying. Anyone can enter—individuals, companies, universities, civic groups, and nonprofit organizations. Developers and vendors with applications directly related to consumer and patient information, preventive medicine, public health, or some aspect of clinical care are encouraged to enter as well.

Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (convenor), with support from the Health Care Financing Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Additional details about the conference and registration information are available from the conference Web site at www.health.gov/partnerships.

Nutrition

The Effect of Folic Acid Fortification on Plasma Folate and Total Homocysteine Concentrations. P.F. Jacques, et al. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 340 (May 13, 1999): 1449-54.

Enriched grain products that have been fortified with folic acid reduce homocysteine concentrations and increase the folate concentrations in middle-aged and older adults.

Heart Disease and Stroke

Childhood Passive Smoking, Race, and Coronary Artery Disease Risk. W.B. Moskowicz, et al. *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine* 153 (May 1999): 446-53. Children exposed to long-term passive cigarette smoke are at risk for developing coronary artery disease.

Leisure-Time Physical Activity and the Risk of Primary Cardiac Arrest. R.N. Lemaitre, et al. *Archives of Internal Medicine* 159 (April 12, 1999): 686-90.

Moderate regular activity, such as walking and gardening, reduces the risk of primary cardiac arrest.

Cancer

Breast Cancer Screening and African American Women: Fear, Fatalism, and Silence. J.M. Phillips, et al. *Oncology Nursing Forum* 26 (April 26, 1999): 561-71.

Intervention eliminates the fear and secrecy that surrounds breast cancer and positively affects the rate of breast cancer screening within the African American community.

Fluid Intake and the Risk of Bladder Cancer in Men. D.S. Michaud, et al. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 340 (May 6, 1999): 1390-7.

An increase in total fluid intake reduces the risk of bladder cancer in men.

Immunization and Infectious Diseases

Impact of Community Volunteers on Immunization Rates of Children Younger Than 2 Years. K. Barnes, et al. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 48 (May 7, 1999): 349-53.

Volunteer-driven immunization programs can significantly improve immunization rates in children younger than 2 years old.

Safety and Immunogenicity of an Acellular Pertussis Vaccine in Premature Infants. R.L. Schloesser, et al. *Pediatrics* 103 (May 1999): e60.

Immunization with an acellular pertussis vaccine is safe for preterm infants.

Clinical Preventive Services

An Emergency Department-Based Pneumococcal Vaccination Program Could Save Money and Lives. S.J. Stack, et al. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 33 (March 1999): 299-303.

Emergency department-based pneumococcal vaccination programs result in significant cost savings and reduced mortality.

First Unaffected Pregnancy Using Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis for Sickle Cell Anemia. K. Xu, et al. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 281 (May 12, 1999): 1701-6.

Determining the genetic status of each embryo before implantation is an effective way for a woman to give birth to infants who are not affected by sickle cell anemia.

Surveillance and Data Systems

Measuring the Performance of Public Health Agencies. R.M. Davis *British Medical Journal* 318 (April 3, 1999): 889-90. State and local public health agencies that adopt national public health performance standards will improve health care in the United States.

Measuring and Managing Clinical Quality: Improving Quality to Reduce Costs.

Sponsored by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians (ABQAURP). Salt Lake City. For information, call (727) 298-8777, fax (727) 449-0555, or e-mail abqaurp@abqaurp.org.

October 1-3, 1999.

National Convention of the American Health Information Management Association.

Anaheim, CA. For information, call (312) 787-2672.

October 2-7, 1999.

140th Annual Session of the American Dental Association.

Honolulu, HI. For information, call (312) 440-2876, fax (312) 440-2707, or visit www.ada.org/eventcal/events.html.

October 9-13, 1999.

51st Annual State-of-the-Art Conference: Challenges and Controversies in Occupational Medicine.

Sponsored by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. San Antonio. For information, call (847) 818-1800, fax (847) 818-9266, or visit www.acoem.org.

October 17-21, 1999.

Pediatric Asthma: Promoting Best Practice.

Sponsored by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

Washington, DC. For information, call (414) 272-6071.

October 23-24, 1999.

American School Health Association (ASHA) 73rd Annual Conference: "Collaboration: The 'C' Word for the 21st Century."

Kansas City, MO. For information, call Linda Hrobak at (330) 678-1603 ext. 100, e-mail lhrobak@ashaweb.org, or visit www.ashaweb.org.

October 27-31, 1999.

127th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA): "Celebrating a Century of Progress in Public Health."

Chicago. For information, call (202) 777-2742, e-mail carroll.lewis@apha.org, or visit www.apha.org.

November 7-11, 1999.

Position Announcement

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research is looking for a communications project manager to disseminate prevention information. For more information visit www.hcpr.gov/news/vacancy.htm.

GUIDE FOR PREPARING ABSTRACTS

"Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium" Launching Healthy People 2010

Abstracts should address one or more of the conference themes and the relevant questions listed below.

Partnering for Health Improvements

- ⑨ What lessons were learned from Healthy People 2000 that can be applied to achieving the 2010 objectives?
- ⑨ What research and action are needed to implement the leading health indicators?
- ⑨ What are the roles of Federal, State, and local government agencies and other partners in achieving the nation's health objectives?
- ⑨ How can community coalitions be mobilized for action on the objectives?
- ⑨ How do we partner with the media to promote health?

Eliminating Health Disparities

- ⑨ How can the goal of eliminating health disparities promote culturally and linguistically competent public health?
- ⑨ How can the Healthy People 2010 objectives be used as a research agenda to eliminate health disparities?
- ⑨ How do the Healthy People objectives drive racial and ethnic data collection?
- ⑨ What are the successes and challenges of using technology to eliminate disparities in health?

Increasing Quality and Years of Healthy Life

- ⑨ How can we engage those from outside the public health community to support the goal of "increasing quality and years of healthy life"?
- ⑨ What have we learned about effective interventions and best practices?
- ⑨ Why is quality of life an important public health issue?
- ⑨ How are health-related quality-of-life measures being used?

Harnessing Technology for Health

- ⑨ What types of partnerships are needed to promote quality and effectiveness of online and interactive programs?
- ⑨ How can technology promote collaboration between public health and health care professionals?
- ⑨ How can technology support a balanced community health system and improve health care?
- ⑨ How can technology empower consumers, patients, and caregivers to make sound health decisions while ensuring their privacy?
- ⑨ How can we build a national health information infrastructure that supports Healthy People?

Abstracts can be prepared and submitted online at www.health.gov/partnerships. Paper copies of abstracts should be mailed to Miryam Granthon, Healthy People Consortium Coordinator, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 738G Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

"Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium"

Launching Healthy People 2010

January 24-28, 2000

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: September 6, 1999

Paper copies of abstracts should be mailed to Miryam Granthon, Healthy People Consortium Coordinator, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 738G Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Provide a separate form for each speaker. Photocopies of this form are acceptable.

Speaker's Information

Name: _____

Title: _____ **Degree(s):** _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Country:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Presentation Preference:

- Breakout Session* Caucus† Poster Session††
 Individual
 Panel

Note: Conference planners reserve the right to cluster presentations or select specific format.

Description of Organization: (Please check one that is most appropriate.)

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Abstract Key Words: Identify three words or phrases that best describe your abstract, e.g., interactive health communication, women's health, older adults, tobacco, or preventive services.

Scholarships: A limited amount of scholarship support will be available. Will you need financial assistance to participate?

- No Yes, partial support Yes, full support

A complete copy of the Call for Abstracts is available on the Web at www.health.gov/partnerships and by fax from (301) 468-3028.

* Breakout Sessions: Concurrent sessions composed of three or four presentations. Each presenter will be allotted 15 minutes during the 90-minute session with time for questions and answers.

† Caucuses: Informal discussions to share information about topics of mutual interest.

†† Poster Sessions: Visual presentations consisting of charts, diagrams, graphs, photos, drawings, and text.

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Abstract

Type your abstract in the box below. Text of the abstract must not exceed 200 words. Abstract must include background,* approach,† and lessons learned.†† You can submit more than one abstract, so long as you do so on a separate “Abstract Submission Form.”

Title of Presentation: _____

Author(s): _____

(Give full names and organizational affiliations)

If you are requesting that this session be considered for continuing education credits, you MUST submit three learning objectives.

Learning objectives: In 25 words or less for each, state three learning objectives in terms of what the participant should be able to do after attending the session—not what the presenters will do. Begin each learning objective with a verb (describe, understand, etc.).

Example:

Understand how the state of Texas collaborated with both private and public sectors to develop the Healthy Texans 2010 plan.

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- 2.
- 3.

* Background: Information about the program/intervention subject area.

† Approach: Description of the process used to carry out the program/intervention.

†† Lessons Learned: Take-home messages for the audience.

“We have made significant strides in improving the health of Americans,” said HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala. Secretary Shalala’s comment accompanied the release of *Healthy People 2000 Review, 1998-99*. Data in the report show that the nation is progressing toward or has already reached the targets for more than half of its health objectives.

“These achievements are the result of a partnership effort with more than 350 national organizations in the Healthy People coal-

tion,” she added. “We enter the new millennium as a team working together.”

According to the report, 15 percent of the objectives have met their targets, including many in such diverse areas as nutrition, maternal and child health, heart disease, and mental health. Targets to reduce outbreaks of waterborne diseases, foodborne infections, and oral and breast cancer deaths also were met. Another 44 percent of the objectives are progressing on schedule.

However, the report also shows that 20 percent of the Healthy People objectives are moving away from their targets, 6 percent showed mixed results, 3 percent had no change from the baseline figure, and 11 percent lacked sufficient data to assess progress.

“In many ways, Americans of all ages and in every race and ethnic group have better health today than a decade ago,” said Dr. David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General. “Yet considerable disparities remain. We

should commit our nation to eliminate disparities in the next decade, for through prevention we can improve the health of all Americans.”

Dr. Satcher leads the initiative to establish goals for the first decade of the next century, called Healthy People 2010, which will be launched in January 2000.

To order a copy of *Healthy People 2000 Review, 1998-99*, call CDC/NCHS at (301) 436-8500. The report also is available on the Web at www.cdc.gov/nchswww.



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